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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV REACTIONS TO EVENTS IN INDIA

1. EXCERPTS OF TITO'S PERSONAL LETTER TO MRS. GANDHI, DELIVERED BY YUGOSLAV CHARGE IN NEW DELHI JUNE 27, FRONT-PAGED IN MAJOR YUGOSLAV DAILIES ON JUNE 28. TITO WROTE THAT YUGOSLAVIA WAS FOLLOWING CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA WITH GREAT INTEREST, SINCE INDIA WAS "ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT NONALIGNED COUNTRIES", AND HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT "PROGRESSIVE AND DOMOCRATIC FORCES" IN INDIA WOULD BE ABLE TO "OVERCOME ALL PRESSURES FROM INTERNAL AND FOREIGN REACTIONARY CIRCLES." TITO ADDED THAT "YOUR STRUGGLE AND THE DECISIVENES WITH WHICH YOU WAGE IT IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT SINCE IT DEVELOPS IN CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH MANY NONALIGNED COUNTRIES ARE EXPOSED TO THE PRESSURES OF IMPERIALIST, REACTIONARY, AND AGGRESSIVE FORCES". . . . "I AM SURE", HE CONCLUDED, "THAT EVEN IN THIS CASE YOU WILL OVERCOME THE DIFFICULTIES FACING YOU."

3. THEMES OF TITO'S LETTER ARE REFLECTED IN YUGOSLAV PRESS, WHICH HAS BEEN FOLLOWING RECENT EVENTS IN INDIA VERY CLOSELY. KOMUNIST ARTICLE JUNE 29 CHARACTER-
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IZED COURT VERDICT AGAINST MRS. GANDHI AS "ORGANIZED",

AND SAID THAT MRS. GANDHI WAS FIGHTING REACTIONARY PLOT
AIMED AT TOPPLING HER FROM OFFICE, CHECKING "PROGRESSIVE
AND DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL
AND SOCIAL LIFE", COUNTERBALANCING COMMUNIST VICTORY IN
S.E. ASIA, AND DEALING A "BLOW TO THE POLICY OF NON-
ALIGNMENT." BRANKO SAVIC, IN JUNE 26 TANJUG EDITORIAL,
WROTE THAT "GRADUALLY IT HAS BECOME OBVIOUS THAT A
CONSPIRACY HAS BEEN IN PREPARATION AGAINST THE GOVERNING
CONGRESS PARTY", AND THAT "IT HAS CAUSED A CRISIS IN
WHICH THE SAFETY OF THE COUNTRY CAN ONLY BE SECURED BY
EMERGENCY MEASURES."

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